

Springdale Parks and Recreation

2018 Spring Baseball Rules: Major/70 Division



These rules apply to the play within all Cal Ripken divisions. For any rules not specifically addressed in Division-specific rule sheets, refer to the Babe Ruth Baseball Official Rulebook.

- I. All batters will wear a batting helmet.
- II. The catcher will wear a facemask, helmet, mitt, chest protector, shin guards, and a protective cup. The catcher must use a catcher's mitt.
 - a. Exception: Tball catchers will wear the catcher's helmet and protective cup but are not required to wear the additional equipment. Their placement behind the plate will be determined by the home plate coach (umpire) that is deemed the safest area for the catcher.
- III. Arrive on the field no later than 20 minutes to game start time.
 - a. Teams playing on the Cal Ripken field – One lane per team
 - b. Visitors have batting cage time 1hr prior to start
 - c. Home team has batting cage time 40 minutes prior to start
- IV. 3 copies of the batting order are needed 10 minutes prior to game time.
 - a. Scorekeeper
 - b. Umpire
 - c. Opposing team coach
- V. Teams must clean their dugouts after their game prior to the next team arriving
 - a. Tobacco in any form is not allowed at the ballpark.
 - b. The use of profanity is prohibited at the ballpark. Profanity used by coaches, parents, or players will be grounds for removal from the park and possible removal from future participation in the league.

Pitch Count:

Use the following pitch count chart. The calendar week is Monday through, and including Sunday.

Division	Max Pitches In Game	Rest Period		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
Minors	75	1-40	41-65	66+
Majors	85	1-40	41-65	66+

Pitchers may throw a maximum of **85** pitches per game. If a pitcher reaches his pitch count in the middle of an at-bat, he may continue pitching until the at-bat is finished. Finishing an at-bat does not apply to the rest period/pitch counts. For example, if a pitcher reaches 41 pitches in the middle of an at-bat, he may pitch without a day of rest. If a pitcher reaches 67 pitches in the middle of an at-bat, he must rest 1 day.

Run/Mercy Rule:

- I. Mercy rule is 10 runs after 4 innings
- II. There is **NO** per inning run rule

League Rules:

- I. Pitching Distance: 50' Base Path Distance: 70'
- II. Free substitution
- III. **Minimum Play Rule:** Every player must play a minimum of six (6) consecutive outs on defense per game. If a player does not meet the minimum play rule, he/she must start the next game.
- IV. Continuous batting order
- V. Stealing is permitted
- VI. Runners can advance on a dropped 3rd strike
- VII. Games will consist of a 90 minute time limit or 6 innings, whichever comes first
- VIII. Game clock will start immediately following plate meeting

- IX. No new inning will start with less than 3 minutes (2:59) on the game clock.
- X. There will be no tie-breakers in league play. If the score is tied with less than 3 minutes on the clock or after 6 innings, no extra inning will be played.
- XI. Cups are mandatory for all players.
- XII. During league play a team must have at least 8 players present at the designated start time to begin a game or the game will be forfeited. If a team has less than 8 players, the head coach can elect to bat first. If the 8th player is not present by the end of the first half inning, the game will be forfeited
 - a. No out will be taken for the 9th batter